

Granby Energy Committee

November 19, 2015, 7:00pm
Carnegie Building

Meeting Minutes

Energy Committee Members Present:

Marie McCourt, Chair; Bill Shaheen, Secretary; Jay Joyce, Matthew McCourt, Mark Vincelette

Visitors: Jim Barry, Frank Marion

I. Call to Order: 6:57pm

II. Approval of Minutes: (none)

III. New Business:

Jim Barry – Mass Energy Official

- a. Jim urged the committee chair to talk to Chris Martin about setting up free energy audits. We can get the initial one through National Grid, which takes care of light bulbs/electrical, and then have one through Guardian, who can go more in-depth. Guardian is a vetted vendor and is one that would not need to go through the bidding process. The audits are free. When using Guardian, he suggested asking for Matt Whitmore, who is used to this area, and very good.
- b. Jim told us that the Annual Green Community Reports have not been submitted in at least 3 years, and we need to get back in good standing. The Annual Report is Due Dec 4th, and although we won't be on time, we can still submit late.
- c. Jim will send Marie Annual Report forms and authorization for the new computer system.
- d. Jim will work with the committee to complete the Annual Report, and gave us steps we need to do beforehand
- e. Jim reminded us that it is a good idea, when updating or working on any town building, to check with the state first, since they may be able to help with energy efficient updates.
- f. We were educated about the Green Community Grant. We are allowed \$100,000 per project, per building. There are procedures for asking for the money to cover those projects, including a specific spreadsheet that needs to be filled out.
- g. Jim said when the initial yearly money is spent, there are additional monies that can be requested. Projects need to be prioritized and ROI is the focus.

Organization of Committee

- a. After some discussion, Matt made the motion to keep Marie as Chair
Jay seconded, the committee voted unanimously
- b. It was voted that Bill will keep minutes for the meetings

Discuss steps taken by previous committee and next steps

- a. It was discussed that our first step is to request the Energy committee charter from Chris/Select Board. We feel this is an important piece to make sure the committee prioritizes our duties and does not over-step our bounds.
- b. The second step is for Marie to sit with Chris and discuss what we need for the Green Community Annual Report, and to discuss authorization to get energy audits of town buildings done.
- c. We will try to collect as much information from previous committee as possible
- d. Does this committee have a budget? Is there money available to work on any projects - that was previously set?

Set future meeting dates

- a. The committee voted to meet on the second Thursdays of each month at 6:30pm, with the allowance for more meetings during project times. Our next meeting is December 10th, 6:30pm.

IV. Old Business:

(none)

V. Adjournment:

A motion and vote for adjournment was called at 8:45pm

Respectfully Submitted by

Marie McCourt
Committee Chair